ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An absorbent article that provides leakage protection and/or skin protection, as well as methods for using and preparing same and novel compositions and composites for use in same, is disclosed. The absorbent article comprises a selectively-permeable topsheet; a substantially impermeable backsheet; an absorbent core positioned between said selectively-permeable topsheet and said substantially impermeable backsheet. The selectively-permeable topsheet has a treated hydrophilic zone and an untreated hydrophobic zone.